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1. Reviewed with Col. White a memorandum prepared by  OGC setting forth various inconsistencies, inaccuracies, etc. which have characterized the reporting and editorial comment of the Washington Post & Times Herald on the subject of the CIA building. Col. White forwarded this memorandum to the Director, for his use in discussions which he was attempting to arrange with Mr. Graham, publisher of the Post.

2. Accompanied the General Counsel on a visit to Cong. Dawson for the purpose of explaining why it was impossible for CIA to indicate the value of its property holdings in the current Government inventory being prepared by Mr. Dawson's Committee. A separate memorandum has been prepared on this meeting and circulated to the responsible offices.

3. Discussed with Mr. Warner and Mr. Houston the draft career service legislation which is to be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget. The Office of General Counsel, on reviewing the current draft, has discovered that certain important items, such as post differentials and tax exemptions on allowances, have not been adequately covered, and certain additional amendments to cover these points are now being drafted on a priority basis. Col. White has approved a delay of a few days in sending a final draft to the Bureau, in order that all the required amendments may be added.

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